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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated June 20, 2007, having a shortened statutory period expiring on September 20, 2007. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this Request, giving the Applicants until October 22, 2007 (October 20, 2007 having been a Saturday) to reply. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No amendments to the specification are presented in this paper.

A listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.